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SUBJECT: US CONFERENCE ON SUCCESSION OF STATES

1. CUBA AND MEXICO HAVE CIRCULATED FOLLOWING TEXTS ON
QUESTION OF EFFECT OF STATE SUCCESSION ON TREATIES
RELATING TO MILITARY BASES:

CUBA QUOTE ADD THE FOLLOWING NEW PARAGRAPH TO ARTICLE 12:

INNER QUOTE 3. TREATIES WHICH WERE CONCLUDED AND CONCESSIONS
WHICH WERE GRANTED IN CONDITIONS OF INEQUALITY OR WHICH
DISREGARD OR DETRACT FROM THE SOVEREIGNTY OF THE SUCCESSOR
STATE OVER ANY PART OF ITS TERRITORY, PARTICULARLY IN THE
CASE OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OR ATTEMPTED ESTABLISHMENT OF
MILITARY, NAVAL OR AIR BASES, SHALL BE EXCLUDED FROM THE
APPLICATION OF THE PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN THE FOREGOING
PARAGRAPHS AND SHALL BE CONSIDERED ILLEGAL, BEING CONTRARY
TO THE PRINCIPLES OF THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS.
END INNER QUOTE END QUOTE

MEXICO. QUOTE ADD A NEW PARAGRAPH TO ARTICLE 12 READING AS FOLLOWS:

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INNER QUOTE 3. TREATIES RELATING TO MILITARY, NAVAL
OR AIR BASES ESTABLISHED IN THE TERRITORY OF THE SUCCESSOR
STATE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PREDECESSOR STATE OR OF
OTHER STATES ARE NOT SUBJECT TO THE EFFECTS OF THIS
ARTICLE. SUCH TREATIES SHALL CASE TO BE IN FORCE
BY REASON OF THE SUCCESSION. END INNER QUOTE END QUOTE

2. CUBAN TEXT IF IN OUR VIEW OBVIOUSLY UNACCEPTABLE IN TONE AND CONTENT AND WE PLAN VOTE AGAINST IT UNLESS INSTRUCTED TO CONTRARY.

3. FIRST SENTENCE OF MEXICAN TEXT IS NOTHING MORE THAN EXPLICIT DECLARATION OF INTERPRETATION OF EXISTING TEXT OF DRAFT ARTICLE 12 CONTAINED IN PARAGRAPH 25 OF ILC COMMENTARY IN ARTICLE EFFECT OF COMMENTARY AND MEXICAN TEXT WOULD BE TO EXCLUDE BASE AGREEMENTS FROM ARTICLE'S EXCEPTION TO THE CLEAN SLATE PRINCIPAL WITH REGARD TO NEWLY INDEPENDENT STATES.

4. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT US PRACTICE HAS BEEN TO RECOGNIZE THAT BASE AGREEMENTS WITH COLONIAL POWERS DO NOT BIND SUCCESSOR STATES E.G. IN THE CASE OF THE BASES IN THE WEST INDIES. IN THE CASE OF UNIONS OF STATES OR SEPARATION OF STATES PRINCIPLE OF CONTINUITY OF TREATIES APPLIES AND FIRST SENTENCE OF MEXICAN TEXT WOULD NOT HAVE ANY EFFECT.

5. SECOND SENTENCE OF MEXICAN PROPOSAL IN EFFECT DECLARES THAT BASE AGREEMENTS ARE INVALIDATED BY ANY TYPE OF SUCCESSION. THIS WE REGARD AS EXCESSIVE.

6. WE BELIEVE WE SHOULD BE AUTHORIZED TO TAKE POSITION THAT US WILL VOTE FOR MEXICAN AMENDMENT IF SECOND SENTENCE DELETED. IF SECOND SENTENCE RETAINED IN ITS PRESENT FORM, CONFIDENTIAL

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WE WOULD PROPOSE VOTING AGAINST THE TEXT UNLESS INSTRUCTED TO CONTRARY.

7. SINCLAIR (LEGAL ADVISOR TO UK FONMIN) CONCURS IN ABOVE ANALYSIS AND UK CURRENTLY PLANS VOTE AGAINST CUBAN TEXT, IN FAVOR MEXICAN TEXT IF LAST SENTENCE DELETED, AND AGAINST MEXICAN TEXT IF LAST SENTENCE RETAINED IN ITS PRESENT FORM.

8. SINCE MATTER COULD COME UP AS EARLY AS PM APRIL 15, REQUEST DEPT'S VIEWS ASAP. MEEHAN

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